

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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Whereas, Orthodox Christianity was founded on Pentecost in 33 A.D. by Christ and His Apostles, and has maintained the richness and fullness of its origin, its theology, and its traditions throughout its almost 2000-year old history;

Whereas, A small gathering of hard-working Greek immigrants who settled in Indianapolis established the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox parish in 1910 in what had before been a residential home on West and Ohio streets in downtown Indianapolis on the land where the Indiana Historical Society now sits;

Whereas, In 1960, the growing Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox parish took a major leap forward by building a new, brick church on a 3-acre site at 4011 N. Pennsylvania Street in the historic Indianapolis neighborhood of Meridian-Kessler;

Whereas, The parish called the church on North Pennsylvania home for nearly fifty years. During this time,

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the church experienced meteoric growth and the expansion of numerous ministries. One example, the "Indy Greek Fest," has welcomed hundreds of thousands of visitors seeking to learn about Orthodox Christian precepts, to share in Greek culture, and to experience "Hellenic Hospitality" since 1973;

Whereas, In 1998, cognizant of its changing parish demographics, its need for room to grow, and its wish to more directly align its worship with the traditional Byzantine roots, the parish purchased 20 acres of land located on the corner of 106th & Shelborne, in Carmel, Indiana;

Whereas, The temple's design is reminiscent of the magnificent Byzantine church of Holy Wisdom in Constantinople with a large central dome signifying the universe and eternity and recalling Orthodox Christianity's glorious past. The temple's architectural design is called "The Triad" and is the first of its kind in the entire world;

Whereas, Holy Trinity held groundbreaking ceremonies for its new temple September 30, 2006, and conducted a breathtaking dome raising ceremony on December 27, 2007. Characteristic of an Orthodox domed church, the Holy Trinity dome features a series of 20 windows surrounding the base of the dome, inviting light into the sanctuary from the heavens;

Whereas, The Holy Trinity parish celebrated its very first service of Christmas Eve 2008 with a standing room only crowd. The Holy Trinity parish community is proud of its new addition to the Central Indiana faith landscape and anxiously looks forward to welcoming future generations in both worship and fellowship; and

Whereas, The Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox parish opens its arms to and welcomes people from all faiths and traditions; Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly



of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1: That the Indiana General Assembly honors the Holy
2 Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Indianapolis and Carmel on the
3 occasion of the opening of its new Byzantine-style domed temple and
4 state of the art related facilities at the 106th & Shelborne Road in
5 Hamilton County.
6 SECTION 2: The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
7 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Reverend Anastasios Gounaris
8 and Dr. Dennis Dickos, presbyter and parish council president,
9 respectively, of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Indianapolis
10 and Carmel.

